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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themſelves on Board His Majeſty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall conceal themſelves; for pardoning ſuch Seamen as have deſerted, and ſhall return into the Service; and alſo for taking up all ſtraggling Seamen.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS for the ſpeedy Manning of Our Fleet, We did, by Our Order in Council of the Fourteenth of April laſt, amongſt other Things, direct, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and of Thirty Shillings for every Able Bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, ſhould be continued to be paid, immediately after the firſt Muſter, to ſuch Seamen and Landmen reſpectively, who ſhould, on or before the Second Day of June next, enter themſelves in the Royal Navy; and that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhould likewiſe be continued to be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhould, on or before the ſaid Second Day of June next, diſcover any concealed Seamen, ſo that ſuch Seamen ſhould be taken for Our Service. —— And whereas Our Service doth at this Time require a more ſpeedy Supply of Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, to ſerve on Board Our Ships of War, and it being Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves in Our Service: We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to revoke that Our former Order, and in lieu thereof to publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every ſuch Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And alſo that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And that the ſaid reſpective Sums be paid to all ſuch Seamen and Landmen upon their being brought on Board Our Ships at any of Our Dock Yards in England, by the Clerks of the Cheque, or upon their being put on Board any Ship or Veſſel appointed to receive Men at Leith or Greenock in Scotland, or at Dublin or Corke in Ireland, by the Captains or Commanders of the Ships or Veſſels whereinto ſuch Seamen or Landmen ſhall be put, or by the Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore. And for Prevention of any Abuſes by any Perſons leaving the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and entring themſelves on Board any other Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty-Money; We do hereby declare and command, That ſuch Seamen or Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the ſaid Ships or Veſſels, to which they ſhall belong, and enter themſelves on Board any other of Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ships or Veſſels they ſhall leave, but alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further promiſe and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhall be paid any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any Seaman or Seamen who may ſecret themſelves, ſo that ſuch Seaman or Seamen ſhall be taken for Our ſaid Service, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raiſing Men: The ſaid Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen ſo diſcovered and taken, in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy; and, at the Out Ports, by the Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing Men on Shore; immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing Men on Shore reſpectively, by the Perſon who may make Diſcovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforeſaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names and Number of Seamen procured in Conſequence of his Diſcovery; and the ſaid Certificate to be given by ſuch Officer as may take ſuch Seaman or Seamen for Our Service. And as an Encouragement to ſuch Seamen who may have deſerted from Our Ships to return to the Service, We do promiſe Our moſt gracious Pardon to all ſuch as ſhall repair on Board any of Our Ships or Veſſels by or before the Third Day of July next; and alſo to all ſuch who have deſerted, but are now belonging to ſome one of Our Ships, (in which Ship they are hereby permitted to continue.) And We do hereby further

further Declare, that ſuch Seamen who have abſented themſelves from any of Our Ships, and ſhall render themſelves on Board the ſame, or any other of Our Ships of War, by or before the Time abovementioned, ſhall not be proſecuted for ſuch their Deſertion; but that all ſuch Deſerters who ſhall not, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, render themſelves on Board ſome of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, or who ſhall hereafter abſent themſelves from the Ships to which they belong, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, ſhall be tried at a Court Martial, and being found guilty of deſerting at this Time, when their Country ſo much wants their Service, they ſhall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and ſhall ſuffer Death according to Law. And We do hereby Require and Command, all Our Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates of the ſeveral Shires, Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and all other Places within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, to give the ſtricteſt Orders and Directions to the Conſtables, and other inferior Civil Officers, to take up all ſtraggling Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall be of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and ſend them by careful Conductors to a Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore, or to the neareſt Sea Port Town, in order to their being put on Board Our Ships of War: Which Conductors ſhall be paid by the ſaid Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships to whom ſuch Seamen ſhall be delivered, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six-pence a Mile for each Man, for every Mile they may reſpectively travel. And We do hereby likewiſe require and command all Our ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates, to receive all ſuch Seamen and Seafaring Men, who ſhall appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, in caſe they are of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to grant to each Seaman a Certificate of ſuch his Voluntary Offer, and to cauſe them to be conducted in like Manner and with the ſame Allowances as above directed with reſpect to ſtraggling Seamen; and the Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships, to whom ſuch Volunteer Seamen ſhall be delivered, ſhall pay to every ſuch Seaman, after his being ſo put on Board, (upon producing the Certificate aforementioned) the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS to every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings to every Ordinary Seaman.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Fifteenth Day of May, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, in the Thirty Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Landſhut, *May* 9. Nothing material has happened here lately. The Auſtrian Army remains hitherto very quiet in Bohemia. Marſhal Daun changes his Quarters, from Time to Time, to Gitſchin, Konigſhoff and Jaromirs.

The main Body of the Pruſſian Army continues in their Quarters of Cantonment. But on the 5th Inſtant, a ſmall Camp of Five Battalions (commanded by Major General Rebentiſh) was formed upon a Hill between this Place and Liebau, which ſerves to cover Landſhut, and at the ſame Time to protect the advanced Poſt of Liebau.

The Recruits for compleating the Regiments are, it is ſaid, all arrived in Sileſia, and expected to join their reſpective Corps forthwith.

Ziegenhayn, *May* 15. We are informed by Letters from Franconia of the 11th Inſtant, That, about three Days before, Prince Henry of Pruſſia had, with 10,000 Men, attacked General Maguire near Hoff, who was poſted there with eight Battalions and ſome Cavalry; and that his Serene Highneſs had forced him, after ſome Reſiſtance, to retire. Upon this Occaſion, one Battalion of Marſchal, one of Salm, and the Battalion of Darmſtadt Grenadiers, ſuffered conſiderably; and General Maguire, it is ſuppoſed, has loſt 270 Men. The Prince of Salm is taken Priſoner, and three other Officers are either killed or taken. General Maguire retired by Aſch towards Egra. During this Time, General Haddick quitted his Camp near Munchſberg, where he had entrenched himſelf, and marched in the Night, between the 9th and 10th, to Culmbach, where he arrived on the 10th in the Morning. When all the Troops of this Corps of the Army were arrived in that Camp, Orders were immediately given for ſending away the Baggage, which filed off towards Bamberg. Towards the Evening, the Army decamped, and marched about a German Mile and an half beyond Culmbach, to Gaſſmanſdorff; the Rear Guard under the Orders of General Palfi remaining at Culmbach. Prince Henry's Army was on the 10th near Murichberg, and himſelf in the Town. His Royal Highneſs marched the 11th into the Neighbourhood of Bareith; and his Quarters were that Night at Himmelcron, a Village about a German Mile from thence. Lieutenant General Platen, of the Pruſſians, attacked, in the Afternoon of the 11th, the Regiments of Croneck, and the Palatine Dragoons, under the Command of General Riedeſel, which, after a good deal of Reſiſtance, were both made Priſoners of War. 'Tis affirmed, that the Combined Army of the Empire and Imperialiſts was drawing towards Nuremberg. Crenach was Yeſterday cannonaded by the Pruſſians, but had not then ſurrendered.

Munſter, *May* 20. Prince Ferdinand arrived at Lipſtadt the 18th, with the greateſt Part of the Troops from the Left. General Imhoff commands thoſe that remain in the Country of Heſſe Caſſel.

Lieutenant General Hardenburgh is marched to Ham, and has taken Poſt there with the ſame Battalions and Squadrons he had under his Command at Lipſtadt. Orders are daily expected for the March of the Army in theſe Parts, to join his Serene Highneſs.

The Enemy has been in Motion for ſome Days from Duſſeldorp.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Lockhart, of His Majeſty's Ship the Chatham, of 50 Guns, to Mr. Clevland, dated May 20, 1759, off Uſhant.

Since mine of the 7th, I have cruized in Company with His Majeſty's Ships the Thames, of 32 Guns, commanded by Captain Colby, and the Venus, of 36 Guns, commanded by Captain Harriſon. On the 18th in the Morning, being in Hodierne Bay, we ſaw a French Frigate, and, after two Hours Chace, ſhe carried her Top-maſts away. Soon after the Thames came up and gave her a cloſe and briſk Fire; but ſhe did not ſtrike till the Venus raked her, and

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gave her ſome Broadſides. She proves to be the Arethuſa Frigate, commanded by the Marquis Vaudreuil, pierced for 36 Guns, 32 mounted, and 270 Men, from Rochefort for Breſt; has been launched about two Years, and is eſteemed the beſt ſailing Frigate in France. She had 60 Men killed and wounded. Captain Colby had 4 Men killed and 11 wounded, 3 of which are ſince dead. Captain Harriſon had 5 Men wounded.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, May 26, 1759.

Orders for the Court to leave off the Mourning on Sunday the 3d of June, for her late Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Dowager of Orange.

Whitehall, May 11, 1759.

HIS Grace the Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant, General, and General Governor of Ireland, doth hereby ſignify his Pleaſure, That all ſuch Officers of His Majeſty's Forces upon the Eſtabliſhment of Ireland, as are abſent, and not on the Recruiting Service, do repair immediately to their reſpective Poſts in that Kingdom.

By his Grace's Command,

Rich. Rigby.

Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.

MY Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outragious Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well Engliſh as Neutral, ſailing in the Engliſh Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Veſſels being or pretending to be Engliſh Privateers;

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect and bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Diſhonour thereof) are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Acts of Piracy as aforeſaid, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of ſuch Offences as aforeſaid are greatly encouraged by divers Perſons as Acceſſaries thereto, who knowingly aſſiſt, maintain, councel, or adviſe the Committing of ſuch Acts of Piracy, and alſo by Perſons who receive Goods ſo piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed ſuch Robberies:

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect or bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch laſt mentioned Offences, are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Offences laſt mentioned, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which ſaid reſpective Rewards before mentioned, ſhall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatſoever, by Samuel Seddon, Eſq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the ſaid Offenders, (other than and except the reſpective Commander or Commanders of any ſuch Piratical Ships or Veſſels) who ſhall diſcover any one or more of the ſaid Offenders, ſhall, on the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders ſo diſcovered, be intitled to His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordſhips do alſo promiſe to grant, upon Requeſt, to every Perſon, being a Seaman, (who by making any ſuch Diſcovery or Diſcoveries, as aforeſaid, ſhall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an abſolute Protection, to prevent his being impreſſed into His Majeſty's Sea Service, during this preſent War with France.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, May 10, 1759.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: Theſe are to give Notice, that Copies of the ſaid Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy at Chatham, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; as alſo with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerneſs; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinſale; where all ſuch Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpoſe. But ſuch Widows as live at too great a Diſtance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Charles Fearne, at the Admiralty Office, who will ſend them all neceſſary Information And the Governors of the ſaid Charity intending to diſtribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of Auguſt 1732, as well as to the Widows of thoſe who died ſince that Time, whoſe Circumſtances come within the Rules of the Eſtabliſhment, ſuch Monies as may be due to them on the 31ſt of May Inſtant; This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do ſo as ſoon as poſſible; and that all ſuch Widows whoſe Claims have been already allowed, may ſend or bring to this Office, by the 31ſt of this Inſtant, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Penſion or Bounty.

Navy-Office, May 17, 1759.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31ſt of December 1757, to the 30th of June 1758, according to his Majeſty's Eſtabliſhment on that Behalf;

Theſe are to give Notice, that the ſaid Payment will begin to be made at the Treaſurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tueſday the 5th of next Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the ſame Hour: That all Perſons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the ſaid Half Pay, but alſo produce Certificates that they have ſubſcribed to the Teſt, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his preſent Majeſty. And in Caſe any of the ſaid Sea Officers ſhall not be able to attend themſelves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpoſe, that the ſaid Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Perſons they are employed by.

Navy Office, May 14, 1759.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that on Monday the 28th Inſtant, at Nine o'Clock in the Morning, Commiſſioner Rogers will expoſe to Sale at his Office in His Majeſty's Yard at Plymouth, Several Parcels of Old Stores, laid a part in Lots in the ſaid Yard, where ſuch Perſons as are willing to be Purchaſers may have the Liberty of viewing them any Time in the common working Hours of the ſaid Yard, till the Day of Sale.

And as a Depoſit of 25*l. per Cent. or in Proportion thereto, is to be made by the Perſons who ſhall purchaſe the ſaid Stores, all Perſons who ſhall attend the Sale are to take Notice thereof, and come prepared for that Purpoſe: And unleſs the Stores ſo purchaſed ſhall be paid for, and taken away at the End of Forty Days after the Day of Sale, the Depoſit ſhall be forfeited, and become the Property of the Crown.*